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A. PERSONNEL MOVEMENT THE MOVEMENT OF SICK AND WOUNDED PERSONNEL, TRANSIENTS AND A POSSIBLE SPECIAL-PURPOSE GROUP HAVE BEEN NOTED IN THE BINH TRAM (BT) 18 AREA OF OPERATIONS. ON 8 DECEMBER COMMO-LIAISON STATION (T)-9 INFORMED THE BINH TRAM HEADQUARTERS THAT BT 25 HAD SENT OUT 131 SICK AND WOUNDED PERSONNEL AS WELL AS 350 TRANSIENTS DURING THAT EVENING. ON 11 DECEMBER, A CHECKPOINT POSSIBLY LOCATED ON ROUTE 15 IN THE VICINITY OF NGHIA DAN/TAN KY DISTRICTS LINE, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE MOVEMENTS, ON ROUTE 15 - 225 MOVING SOUTH 170 MOVING NORTH ON ROUTE 48 - 190 MOVING SOUTH 141 MOVING NORTH INCLUDED IN THESE VEHICLES WAS A GROUP 244 COMMANDED BY COMRADE HUONG (HWOONGS). THIS GROUP COULD POSSIBLY BE A SPECIAL-PURPOSE GROUP OR A TRANSPORTATION BATTALION. AT THIS TIME A FIRM IDENTIFICATION CANNOT BE MADE AND GROUP 244 WILL NOT BE ADDED TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE GROUP COUNT. (2 [] VCJ/T4765-72, 090135Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~

B. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS 1. NORTH VIETNAM THE IMMINENT MOVE OF T-7 AND THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN ALLIED AIRCRAFT WERE THE SUBJECT OF REPORTS ON 8 AND 10 DECEMBER IN THE BT 18 AREA. ON 8 DECEMBER, T-7 WAS INFORMED THAT THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES HAD ISSUED A DIRECTIVE ORDERING T-7 TO IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO A NEW LOCATION. NEITHER THE NEW LOCATION NOR THE REASON FOR THE MOVE WAS DISCLOSED. HOWEVER, FOR THE PAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS ALLIED AIRSTRIKES IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF T-7 HAVE CAUSED PROBLEMS IN MOVING PERSONNEL THROUGH THIS AREA. ON 10 DECEMBER THE 2D MOTORIZED LAUNCH BATTALION WAS INFORMED THAT AN ALLIED AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOTDOWN AT 1415(G) ON 9 DECEMBER IN THE VICINITY OF BAI THANH (UNLOCATED) AND THE PILOT HAD BAILED OUT. THE BATTALION WAS INSTRUCTED TO ORGANIZE A SEARCH PARTY TO GO LOOK FOR THE DOWNED PILOT AND WAS FURTHER INSTRUCTED THAT ANY TIME AN AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED IN THEIR AREA, SEARCH PARTIES WERE TO BE SENT OUT. ELEMENTS OF THE 2D MOTORIZED LAUNCH BATTALION HAVE BEEN OPERATING ALONG THE SONG CA RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF THE K184/THANH CIUONG AREA, HOWEVER IT CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS TIME IF THIS IS THE AREA OF THE AIRCRAFT SHOOTDOWN. (2 [] VCJ/T4814-72, 101846Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~

2. LAOS SINCE THE END OF NOVEMBER BT 35 ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN SETTING UP LARGE VEHICLE PARKS TO ACCOMMODATE AND HIDE LARGE NUMBERS OF VEHICLES, AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT SOME DEPLOYING TANKS WILL BE TEMPORARILY SHELTERED AT THESE PARKS. ON 2 DECEMBER, BT 35 REVEALED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF \$TECHNICAL WEAPONS\$ (A PROBABLE REFERENCE TO TANKS AND/OR ARTILLERY) WOULD BE ENTERING ROUTE 24 AND THAT A PLAN TO CONCEAL THE \$TECHNICAL WEAPONS\$ SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. LATER BETWEEN THE 2ND AND THE 6TH, TANK GROUPS A1 AND A21A ENTERED THE BT 35 AREA, AND BY 6 DECEMBER

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* GROUP A1 HAD DISPERSED AND CAMOUFLAGED ITS VEHICLES. A BT 35 ELEMENT ALSO REVEALED THAT THE AREA BETWEEN KM 28 AND KM29 (UNLOCATED) COULD HIDE 50 TO 100 VEHICLES AND THAT THE AREA BETWEEN KM 23 AND KM 25 COULD HIDE 20 TO 30 VEHICLES. REFERENCE TO A NEW POSSIBLE TANK GROUP DESIGNATED A2 WAS NOTED ON 8 DECEMBER WHEN A BT 35 ELEMENT STATED THAT THE GROUP WAS PERFORMING WELL BY LIMITING THEIR USE OF THE RADIO AND ERASING THEIR TRACKS WHEN ENTERING THE HIDING PLACES. TO FURTHER INSURE THAT THE EXPOSED VEHICLE MARKS WERE ELIMINATED, ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WERE SENT TO POSSIBLE KM 29 TO ERASE THE TRACKS. (2/00/VCM/R361-72, 08 1836Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ XXHH 900 #3966 NNNN

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C. MATERIEL MOVEMENTS SOUTH VIETNAM INCREASED ALLIED AIR ACTIVITY AND INCLEMENT WEATHER APPEAR TO BE HAVING LITTLE EFFECT ON THE EFFORTS OF BT 12 ELEMENTS TO MOVE CARGO TO NVA MANEUVER ELEMENTS OPERATING IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. ON 9 DECEMBER, AN ELEMENT OF BT 12 REPORTED THAT THE \$ENEMY\$ HAS STEPPED UP ITS RECONNAISSANCE AND STRIKE EFFORTS IN THE AREA FROM MAI XA (YD 2866, 16-52N 107-08E) TO HIEN LUONG (YD 1781, 17-00N 107-02E). ADDITIONALLY INCLEMENT WEATHER IS CAUSING WATER TO RISE. DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, THE ROADS AND WATERWAYS WERE REPORTED TO STILL BE OPEN TO CARGO MOVEMENT. ON 7 DECEMBER, THE PROBABLE HQ, BT 12, INSTRUCTED THE 65TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION TO SEND THREE TRUCKS TO A3 (UNLOCATED) TO PICK UP 122-MM ROCKETS, 107-MM RECOILLESS RIFLE AMMUNITION, AND 85-MM AND 100-MM ANTI-TANK AMMUNITION; TWO TRUCKS TO PHAN AT (UNLOCATED) TO PICK UP 122-MM FIELD GUNS; AND FIVE TRUCKS TO BAI SON (YD 135645, 16-51N 106-59E) TO PICK UP 130-MM FIELD GUNS. ALL TRUCKS WERE TO PROCEED TO COMPOUND 1 (UNLOCATED). ON 8 DECEMBER, THIS SAME ENTITY INSTRUCTED THE 65TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION TO DELIVER TWO TRUCKS OF 120-MM MORTAR AMMUNITION, 122-MM ROCKETS, 85-MM AND 100-MM ANTITANK AMMUNITION, 140-MM ROCKETS AND 107-MM RECOILLESS RIFLE AMMUNITION TO A5 (UNLOCATED ON THE NIGHT OF 8 DECEMBER.) THE FOLLOWING CARGO WAS NO LONGER TO BE SHIPPED FROM A5 TO COMPOUND 1 OF THE B5 FRONT; 120-MM MORTAR AMMUNITION, 37-MM AND 57-MM ANTIAIRCRAFT AMMUNITION AND ESPECIALLY 130-MM FIELD GUN AMMUNITION. IN ANOTHER 8 DECEMBER REPORT FROM THE PROBABLE BT 12 HEADQUARTERS, A FORWARD ELEMENT WAS INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE TO RECEIVE FROM 200 TO 300 TONS OF CARGO FROM BT 17 BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED AT AL (UNLOCATED). ON 9 DECEMBER, THE PROBABLE HQ, BT 12 INSTRUCTED THE 65TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION TO DELIVER ONE TRUCK OF K56 RIFLE AMMUNITION, ONE TRUCK ON 12.7-MM MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION, AND ONE TRUCK OF 82-MM RECOILLESS RIFLE AMMUNITION AND B41 ROCKETS TO BAI SON. IN ADDITION 15 TO 20 TRUCKS FROM THE 770TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION AND THE 65TH BATTALION WERE TO MOVE CARGO OUT OF A2 (UNLOCATED). ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ V. NORTH VIETNAM A. GROUND FORCES MILITARY REGION 4 AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA ENTITY WAS INSTRUCTED ON 11 DECEMBER TO BE ALERT IN AREAS THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN BOMBED, EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS NO CURRENT \$ENEMY\$ ACTIVITY, AND WAS WARNED THAT THE \$ENEMY\$ MAY DROP BOMBS IN ADJACENT AREAS. ON 10 DECEMBER, OTHER UNIDENTIFIED NVA ENTITIES REPORTED STRIKES IN THE VICINITY OF QUYNH LUU (WG 7029, 19-15N 105-40E), DIEN CHAU (WF 6599, 18-59N 105-37E), AND HOANG MAI (WG 742273, 19-41N 105-42E). ON 10 DECEMBER, AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT REPORTING FROM SOUTHERN

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NORTH VIETNAM, STATED THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED ALLIED AIR- CRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF KINH NHUAN (XE 3666, 17-47N 106-17E) ON 9 DECEMBER. A LOCAL MILITIA UNIT CAPTURED THE PILOT AFTER HE CRASH-LANDED THE AIRCRAFT AT 1100(G). (2) LVCJ214812-72, 101845Z) (SECRET SPOKE) B.



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